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Pay of shorthand writers in the High Court.

*1525 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons why the shorthand writers in the High Court are paid only on a scale Rs. 150—10—250 a month;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any memorials from them for increasing their pay; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to increase their pay and if not, why not?

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A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Under clause 8 of the Letters Patent, the power of appointing ministerial officers in the High Court and of fixing their remuneration is vested in the hon. the Chief Justice.

Irrigation.

Report of the Irrigation Committee for Ceded districts and Chittoor.

*1526 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are in receipt of the final report of the Irrigation Committee (for Ceded districts and Chittoor);

(*b*) whether it has been considered and whether the Government have decided to take any action;

(*c*) how the Government propose to take steps to improve the irrigational facilities of the localities concerned; and

(*d*) whether the Government would be pleased to place the reports on the table of this House together with the opinions of its expert advisers and the views of the Government?

A.—(*a*) No; it is expected very shortly.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) This question cannot be answered until the report has been considered.
(*d*) The suggestion will be considered.

Railways.

Extension of the Kurichipalla railway station.

*1527 Q.—Mr. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the extension that is proceeding of the Kurichipalla railway station in the South Indian Railway broad gauge section;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the above station is intended to be the junction of the Mysore-Kanara Railway;

(*c*) if so, the direction of the line and the important places the line is going to touch; and